

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS**  
*Plaintiff*

**vs.**

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION; AND MARC  
WILLIAMS, IN HIS OFFICIAL  
CAPACITY AS EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION**

*Defendants*

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-cv-00805**

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND STAY**

TO THE HONORABLE EWING WERLEIN, JR.:

This case concerns alleged violations of the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 701-706, by the Defendants in issuing a Record of Decision and Final Environmental Impact Statement approving the construction of the I-45 North Houston Highway Improvement Project.

On December 3, 2021, the parties filed a joint motion to stay this case for 45 days in order to engage in discussions to try to resolve the lawsuit (ECF 19). The Court granted the motion on December 6, 2021 and ordered the parties to file a status report and/or move the Court to extend the stay (ECF 21). The Court granted the multiple joint motions to extend the stay (ECF 24, 26, 28, 30, 34, & 36).

The parties continue to engage in discussions to try to resolve the lawsuit. The parties and their technical specialists met June 29, 2022. To facilitate the ongoing discussions, the parties jointly propose an additional 30-day extension of the stay in this litigation to allow for these discussions to be undertaken free from the threat of active litigation. Accordingly, the parties

respectfully request that the Court enter and order extending the stay by 30 days from the date of entry of such order.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record in this Cause by filing it via the Court's ECF system on the 5th day of August, 2022.

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